ment has taken note of the views expressed by the Association regarding the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Bill, 1993 and also discussed the matter in a meeting with various cable operators on 5th November, 1993.

स्काई रेडियो से कार्यक्रमों का प्रसारण

2159. **श्री विठ्ठलराव माधवराव चाघव** : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार स्काई रेडियो से प्रसारण की योजना बना रही है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) ये कार्यक्रम किन-किन भाषाओं में प्रसारित किए जाने हैं ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० पी० सिंह देव) : (क) और (ख) जी, हां । इन्सैट-2 बी पर 5 ट्रांसपेडिरों का इस्तेमाल करके 30 रेडियो चैनल शुरू करने की आकाशवाणी की योजना है ।

(ग) बारह क्षेत्रीय भाषाओं, अर्थात असमिया, बंगला, गुजराती, हिमाचली, कन्नड़, कश्मीरी, मलयालम, मराठी, उड़िया, पंजाबी, तमिल व तेलगू के अलावा हिन्दी, अंग्रेजी व उर्दू में नए चैनलों पर कार्यक्रम प्रसारित करने का विचार है ।

Population in M.P. covered by Doordarshan Network

2160. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Doordarshan Kendras and Sub-Kendras in Madhya Pradesh till now;

(b) the total percentage of population covered by Doordarshan in the State;

(c) by when all the villages in the State are likely to be covered by Doordarshan;

(d) whether programmes on Madhya Pradesh are not being telecast by Doordarshan; and

(e) whether all the Panchayats have been provided with television sets for the people; if not, by when the villages will be provided television sets in Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Besides the Doordarshan Kendra at Bhopal, 5 High Power and 47 Low Power Transmitters and one Transporter are at present functioning in Madhya Pradesh.

(b) TV Service is presently available to about 69.3 per cent population of the State terrestrially.

(c) Expansion of TV service to the hitherto uncovered parts of the country including those in Madhya Pradesh is being carried out in a phased manner depending upon availablity of resources and other infrastructural facilities for the purpose. In view of above, 23 transmitters of varying powers are at present under implementation envisaged to be set up in the State. On commisisoning of these transmitter, an estimated 78.7 per cent population and 75.4 per cent area of the State would be brought under TV coverage.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Provision of Community Viewing TV sets to Panchayats is the responsibility of the State Government.

Import of Newsprint

2161. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that newsprint is annually imported from Canada and other countries; and